TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

JAMES PATERSON, M. D.

SURGEON.

CANDIDATE FOR THE CAMLACHIE DISTRICT OF CITY POOR.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE PRECEPTOR AND THE DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN'S HOSPITAL.

GENTLEMEN,

As the Surgeoncy of the Camlachie District of City Poor, has become vacant by the translation of Mr. Boag to the one occupied by the late Mr. Buchanan, I respectfully offer myself a Candidate for the situation.

I am aware it is the impression of some Candidates, and a few of the Directors, that, to have applied repeatedly for the office, and to have been unsuccessful, is an argument in favour of an another application, and is held forth as a just ground for preference at a new election. This being my first appearance on the arena, in justice to myself, I may be allowed to say, that no argument or plea can be more sophistical, or have less weight with intelligent and discriminating men; because, it proves nothing more than that such individuals were not *then* considered the best qualified for filling the important and responsible situation. If the principle were generally followed out, the inevitable consequence would be, that nothing more would be necessary for securing the appointment, than the fact of having been most frequently rejected; and if so, men of real talent, possessing Testimonials however respectable, or of experience however well tried, could have little or no chance of success. Convinced, however, that such sentiments must be confined to a very few only, and that all justice will be done to really deserving Candidates, I trust I will be excused for adverting to this topic.

Previous to my entering on my medical studies, I had the benefit of a full course of Classical and Philosophical Education at the University of Glasgow; and, while a student of medicine, I had the advantage of being a Dresser in the Royal Infirmary. Having finished the prescribed course for a Licence in Surgery, and obtained that Diploma, I practised my profession for the space of two years; and, after that period, by completing the medical curriculum, and undergoing the Examinations for the honourable degree of Doctor of Medicine, it was unanimously conferred on me by the Senate of the University.

My practice for nearly seven years has been chiefly confined to Calton, and to the very district for which I am now a Candidate; indeed, my locality is so convenient that I have been under the necessity of making almost innumerable visits to the poor in that quarter, without fee or reward. My house is adjoining the western extremity of the District, and my Dispensary, in Stevenson Street, is bordering on the centre—circumstances which should certainly be favourable to the success of my application.

That you may judge of my moral character and professional acquirements, I offer, for your consideration, the following Testimonials; and if talents and qualifications can be estimated through such a medium, I would respectfully solicit your support at the ensuing Election.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES PATERSON, M. D. Surgeon.

18, GREAT HAMILTON STREET,
24th March, 1840.

TESTIMONIALS.

From the Rev. JOHN FRENCH, *Strathaven.*

The bearer, Mr. James Paterson, has resided in this place and neighbourhood from his infancy,—is a member of the church under my pastoral care—and has uniformly maintained an unblemished moral and religious character.

From what I know of the range and vigour of his mind—of his habits of studious application—his good disposition, and his desire to please and be useful, I have no hesitation in testifying my full conviction that he will fill, with much credit to himself, and satisfaction to his employers, any situation that may fall within the line of his previous studies, and which his talents and character may procure for him.

JOHN FRENCH, Minister.

STRATHAVEN,
30th April, 1831.

From the Rev. WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, *Minister of Avondale.*

STRATHAVEN, 30th April, 1831.

I hereby certify that the bearer, Mr. James Paterson, is a native of this Parish of Avondale, and that, with the exception of the time when he attended the University of Glasgow, he has resided in it to the present time. He has always maintained a good moral character,—is of sober, regular, and industrious habits.—As far as he came under my notice, I formed a favourable opinion of his application to his studies;

and, from every thing that I have heard of him, and from all that I know of him, I can freely recommend him as a young man who is likely to prove a diligent and useful Teacher of Youth. He has my best wishes for his success.

WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, Minister
of Avondale.

From the Rev. GAVIN STRUTHERS, *Glasgow.*

GLASGOW, Allan Place,
30th April, 1831.

Mr. James Paterson is particularly known to me as being a native of the same place, (Strathaven,) and as he has occasionally called upon me since he came to College. I consider him a young man of good natural talents, and of very respectable acquirements. His habits of study are assiduous, his morals are correct, and his religious principles are sound and operative upon his own character.

GAVIN STRUTHERS, Minister.

From the Rev. THOMAS BROWN, *D. D., Minister of St. John's.*

GLASGOW, 18th March, 1840.

I understand that Dr. James Paterson is offering himself a Candidate for one of the District Surgeoncies in this City, and I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the worth of his moral character. It is not for me to state what his professional qualifications are; but I know he has had an excellent general education, as well as in the different branches connected with his profession. He is a member of the church in connexion with the congregation of St. John's,—and, from what I know of his religious character and exemplary deportment, I have no hesitation in stating it as my belief that he will discharge the duties of the situation to which he aspires with credit to himself, and benefit to the poor of the district.

THOMAS BROWN, Minister.

From the Rev. JOHN FINLAYSON, *Killearn.*

KILLEARN, 19th March, 1840.

I have known Dr. James Paterson for the last six years, and during that time I have always considered him a diligent and successful Practitioner, and well worthy of encouragement and support. His education was very excellent—having had a full course of Classical and Philosophical, as well as of Medical Instruction; and I have reason to know, that while a Student his appearance in the Classes was highly respectable. Since he commenced practice, every succeeding year has found him rising higher and higher in his profession, —gaining the respect of his professional brethren, by his unremitting perseverance for his own improvement, and enjoying the well earned reward among his patients of untiring exertions for their benefit. I believe him to be affectionate and warm-hearted—to have correct religious and moral principles—and to enter with zeal and devotedness on whatever duty he may undertake. I have, accordingly, much pleasure in recommending him to the notice of the Directors of the Town's Hospital, in their choice of a Surgeon for the City District Poor; and if my favourable opinion can be of any use to him it is heartily at his service.

JOHN FINLAYSON.

From the Rev. MICHAEL WILLIS, *A. M., D. D., Moderator of the Presbytery of Glasgow.*

I certify that I know the character of Dr James Paterson, Candidate for one of the District Surgeoncies in this City, and can recommend him as one who, from his humane, kindly, and obliging temper, and religious principle, is well adapted for such a charge.

Dr. Paterson's professional qualifications will be attested by competent persons; in what regards his disposition and character, and, I may add, his family relationship, (being connected with a respectable and worthy family,) I can speak of him as one deserving of confidence, and likely to give satisfaction.

MICHAEL WILLIS.

Glasgow, 20th March, 1840.

From JAMES WILSON, Esq., *M. D., Interim Professor of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow, &c.*

MILLAR STREET, 16th March, 1840.

Dr. Paterson, of Calton, has been intimately known to me for several years. Having been many times called in consultation with him, on these occasions I have always had reason to entertain a very high opinion of his professional zeal, attention, and ability. Dr. Paterson has also published some very useful papers, which do him great credit. From what I know of Dr. Paterson, I am convinced he would faithfully and efficiently discharge the duties of District Surgeon.

JAMES WILSON, M. D.

From JOHN JACKSON, Esq., *M. D. Member of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, Lecturer on Forensic Medicine, &c.*

35, MAXWELL STREET,
Glasgow, 16th March, 1840.

Dr. James Paterson, Surgeon, Stevenson Street, Calton, has been well known to me for many years past. I have had many opportunities of judging of his attainments. In my estimation, he practises his profession with unwonted zeal, skill, and attention. He is fast treading the path to honourable success, and gaining for himself the respect and esteem of the inhabitants in his neighbourhood.

I have no hesitation in certifying, that should he be appointed to fill the vacant district in Camlachie, he will, from his locality and high professional qualifications, be enabled to discharge the duties thereto belonging, in a manner which will be pleasing to the pauper patients, and satisfactory to the Directors of the Town's Hospital.

JOHN JACKSON, M. D., &c.

From JOHN BURNS, Esq., *M. D. Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow, &c. &c.*

Dr. Paterson attended my Lectures on Surgery in this University for three Sessions. When examined in the class, he answered well; and was farther examined by me for his Degree in Surgery, and answered to my satisfaction.

From what I knew of him then, and have since known of of him, I believe him to be well qualified for the office of District Surgeon.

J. BURNS.

17th March, 1840.

From WILLIAM WEIR, *Esq., M. D. Lecturer on the Practice of Medicine, &c.*

Dr. James Paterson was known to me when he was a Student and Dresser in the Royal Infirmary, in the year 1834, at which time he was exemplary for diligence, attention, and order in his Medical studies. Since then he has been a respectable and very successful Practitioner in Calton. I know that he has had a superior education—that he is extremely well informed in his profession—and that he is in every way very well qualified for the Office of District Surgeon to the City Poor.

WILLIAM WEIR, M. D.

BUCHANAN STREET,
Glasgow, 17th March, 1840.

From WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Esq., M. D. Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Lecturer on Materia Medica, &c.*

I have been acquainted with Dr. James Paterson for several years—have frequently met him in consultation, and have thus been enabled to judge of his Medical and other acquirements. His education has been very complete, both Classical and Medical; and, since he finished his Medical studies, I have reason to believe that he has studied his profession with great assiduity and success. His practice, also, for a a good many years, has been very extensive, and, from his high talents and attentive observation, he has been enabled

to store his mind with a large fund of sound, practical, and enlightened experience. Having formed a very high opinion of him, both as to his general and Medical qualifications, I have no hesitation in stating, that I consider him highly qualified, in every respect, to fill the Office of District Surgeon.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, M. D.

71, West Nile Street,
17th March, 1840.

From David Smith, *Esq., M. D.*

Glasgow, 17th March, 1840.

Dr. James Paterson and I have been long most intimately acquainted; and I have had opportunities, enjoyed by few others, of being enabled to judge of his many excellent qualities, both as a private friend and as a professional gentleman. He premised his Medical education by a full course of Classical and Philosophical instruction, and always was a zealous Student—as his own proficiency, and the Certificates which he received from the Professors under whom he studied, abundantly testify. Since he commenced the practice of his profession—nearly seven years ago— he has secured to himself the warmest friendship of his patients, by his unremitting attention and devotedness to them; and he has shown to his professional brethren many proofs of his abilities as a Practitioner of Medicine, by the publication of papers, in the London Medical Periodicals, on cases of great interest and difficulty, which have been favourably noticed in other Journals. His manners are affable and prepossessing; and in disposition he is kind and sympathizing. I may mention that his Dispensary is in the immediate neighbourhood of the Camlachie Poor District, for the Surgeoncy of which he is a Candidate—a matter of no small moment to a distressed and infirm patient. In short, I would recommend Dr. Paterson's claims to the earnest consideration of the Directors of the Town's Hospital, in their choice of a Surgeon to the District vacant by the translation of Mr. Boag to that lately held by Mr. Buchanan. He has my best wishes; and I can say, from the daily experience of many years, that whatever he undertakes will be performed with honour to himself, and with the highest satisfaction to his employers.

DAVID SMITH, M. D.

From JOHN HARVIE, *Esq., M. D.*

GLASGOW, 17th March, 1840.

Dr. James Paterson has been most intimately known to me for the five last years; and in all our intercourse, either personal or professional, I have found him a gentleman of the most honourable and benevolent disposition. A full course of Medical Studies, preceded by a regular Classical education, has given him such a superiority of mind and manner, as is rarely to be met with. And if a practical knowledge and experience of his profession is a recommendation, he is second to none in such an attainment; and while his suavity of manner, and kindness of address to his patients, betoken him the real friend of the sick; he is also active and decided in his treatment. With these qualifications, and the proximity of his Dispensary to the vacant district of the City Poor, I would recommend Dr. Paterson as a most eligible and efficient Surgeon for the situation.

J. HARVEY, M. D.

From CHARLES RITCHIE, *Esq., M. D., Lecturer on Midwifery, &c.*

7, WEST REGENT STREET, 17th March, 1840.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. James Paterson for about twelve months, and, from what I have had occasion during that time to observe of his professional attainments and character, I have no hesitation in stating it as my opinion, that his election to one of the City District Surgeonships would prove alike creditable to the Directors of the Town's Hospital, and a blessing to the poor put under his care.

CHARLES RITCHIE, M. D.

From JOHN MACFARLANE, *Esq., M. D. &c.*

GLASGOW, 18th March, 1840.

Dr. James Paterson is well known as a highly intelligent, industrious and successful Practitioner of Medicine. He has had very considerable experience in all the departments of

his profession, and I have had various opportunities of ascertaining that he is eager in acquiring practical knowledge—prompt and discriminating in applying it to the sick and diseased, and, in every respect, exceedingly attentive to his patients.

I need hardly add that I consider him well qualified to undertake the duties of a District Surgeon.

JOHN MACFARLANE, M. D., &c.

From GAVIN HAMILTON, Esq. M. D., *Surgeon on Half-pay, of her Majesty's Forces.*

SPRINGBANK, near Strathaven, 18th March, 1840.

It gives me much pleasure to declare that Dr. James Paterson has, for many years, been well known to me, both as a Student and a Medical Practitioner.

He had ample opportunities of acquiring Medical information, and these opportunities were not neglected, by which his superior talents were rendered of no mean order. Previous to his commencing the Medical profession, he enjoyed the benefit of a Philosophical education, which qualified him to discharge the duties and practice of his profession.

GAVIN HAMILTON, M. D.

From HUGH KENNEDY, Esq., *M D.*

GLASGOW, 18th March, 1840.

Dr. James Paterson has been known to me since we were fellow Students in the gowned classes of the University, about ten years ago. After passing our Literary and Philosophical course, we again became associated in the study of Medicine, when I had frequent opportunities of witnessing the assiduity with which he cultivated this department of his education, the fruits of which he is already enjoying in his constantly increasing private practice. He has informed me that it is his intention to become a Candidate for the Surgeoncy of the Camlachie District, now become vacant, and

I feel extremely happy in having it in my power to state, that I consider no applicant whatever better fitted for discharging the duties which he will be called upon to perform; and, should he be elected, I feel assured he will not disappoint the expectations of the Directors.

H. KENNEDY, M. D.

From WILLIAM YOUNG, Esq., M.D. *Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.*

CALTON, Glasgow, 19th March, 1840.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr. James Paterson's professional attainments,—have had the good fortune to be intimate with him for the last ten years, during which time, both as a Medical Student, and as a Medical Practitioner, have had ample opportunities of knowing the qualities of his mind. His talents are of no mean order—his manners are gentle and engaging, yet exhibiting a firmness of purpose, with an enthusiastic love for his profession, under the complete controul of a correct and discriminating judgment, (so rarely combined in one individual,) so as to render him well known as a successful Practitioner. Previous to his commencing the Medical profession, he enjoyed the benefits of a Classical and Philosophical education at our University. His ambition to excel, as a Medical Student, laid a ground work of which he now feels the benefit. He has an extensive and innate knowledge of the Literature of his profession; and those subjects on which he has written, detailed in the Medical periodicals of the day, furnish proof of the successful application of that knowledge to the practice of his profession.

Intimate

WILLIAM YOUNG, M. D.

From ALEX. M. MENZIES, *M. D.*

GLASGOW, 19th March, 1840.

For many years I have had the pleasure of being intimately acquainted with Dr. James Paterson; and of his merits and qualifications as an individual, and medical prac-

titioner, I entertain a high esteem and respect. I believe his conduct to be upright; and his zeal, industry, and perseverance have enabled him thoroughly to cultivate his good natural talents and powers of observation, by a very comprehensive Classical and Medical education. The practice and experience of Dr. Paterson is now very considerable; and as a scientific Physician he is already, in some degree, known to the Profession through several communications on subjects of interest and importance. Should Dr. Paterson be elected Surgeon to the District City Poor, I have no doubt he would serve the cause of humanity in a most efficient and satisfactory manner.

A. M. MENZIES, M. D.